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SUBJ: PEKING UNIVERSITY ATMOSPHERICS

1. A LONG TERM FOREIGN RESIDENT OF PEKING WHO TEACHES AT PEKING UNIVERSITY TOLD USLO OFFICER THAT THE GANG OF FOUR PROBLEM THERE IS FAR FROM SETTLED. IN HIS OPINION, OVER FORTY PERCENT OF THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY ARE STILL "HARD-CORE" GANG OF FOUR SYMPATHIZERS. HE SAID THAT SURVEILLANCE AT THE UNIVERSITY HAS INCREASED SINCE THE PURGE OF THE FOUR POLITBURO MEMBERS IN 1976. TELEPHONES IN PRIVATE RESIDENCES OF PEKING UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS AND EVEN IN SOME DORMS HAVE BEEN REMOVED. THEREFORE, HE DOUBTED IF THE PRC GOVERNMENT WOULD EVER TOLERATE A TRUE RETURN TO THE "100 FLOWERS" SPIRIT WITH ITS FREER EXPRESSION OF IDEAS.

2. RUMORS ABOUT TROUBLE AT PEKING UNIVERSITY STLL CONFIDENTIAL.

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CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE IN THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY HERE. HE HAVE HEARD INDIRECTLY THAT A POSTER CRITICIZING THE RECENT EDUCAION REFORMS AND ATTACKING TENG HSIAO-PING BY NAME WAS SEEN BRIEFLY AT THE UNIVERSITY ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO. THE POSTER WAS SIGNED BY "THOSE WHO DIDN'T PASS THE EXAM," REFERRING TO LAST DECEMBER'S COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS. IN ADDI-

TION, A RECENT ARRIVAL JUST HIRED AS A "FOREIGN EXPERT" AT THE UNIVERSITY DESCRIBES THE ATMOSPHERE AS "TENSE" WITH AN UNDERCURRENT OF FRICTION BETWEEN THE RECENTLY ADMITTED STUDENTS AND THOSE ADMITTED UNDER THE FORMER, AND ACADEMICALLY LESS STRINGENT, ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS.

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